

## COMMISSION FOR TEACHER PREPARATION AND LICENSING

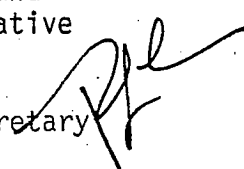
1600 STREET  
SACRAMENTO 95814

(916) 445-0184

78-7963

June 20, 1979

TO: Deans of Education, Education  
Department Chairs and/or  
Directors of Teacher Education, and  
Coordinators, Clinical-Rehabilitative  
Services Programs

FROM: Peter L. LoPresti, Executive Secretary 

SUBJECT: Effective Date for Institutionally-  
Recommended Credential Applications for  
the Clinical-Rehabilitative Services  
Special Class Authorization

At its June 1979 meeting, the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing established November 1, 1979 as the effective date for accepting only recommendations for issuance of the Clinical-Rehabilitative Services credential with the Special Class Authorization from institutions which verify that a candidate has completed a Commission-approved program for the Special Class Authorization.

It will be remembered that several years ago the Commission adopted an interim procedure by which an institution of higher education with an approved program in Clinical-Rehabilitative Services may recommend a candidate for the Special Class Authorization (SCA) if it is verified that the individual has (1) completed the approved Clinical-Rehabilitative Services program, and (2) has met (or achieved) the competencies contained within the Special Class Authorization preparation guidelines even though a formal program may not have been completed by the candidate. The provision has been informal and was created as a temporary measure in order to address an apparent critical need for persons to serve in special classes for aphasic-handicapped children.

The Commission has continued to observe this informal procedure, but questions have arisen as to whether this procedure is supportive of the original intent of the Special Class Authorization guidelines which was that teachers of language-handicapped pupils need to be systematically prepared in the methodologies for reading, language arts, mathematics and in classroom management skills and instructional concepts.

June 20, 1979

- 2 -

78-7963

Concurrently with implementation of the above procedure, the Commission had adopted professional preparation program guidelines applicable to the Special Class Authorization and has to date approved programs submitted by five institutions.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Dr. Sidney Inglis of our staff (phone: 916-322-5988, ATSS: 492-5988).